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SUBJECT: Civilian Wire and Cable Facilities at Leyte.

MEMO TO: Col. Reichelderfer, Signal Officer, Sixth Army.

1. Attached information on civilian wire and cable facilities were obtained from Mr. Glicerio Qulsumbing, who was supervising lineman, Bureau of Post, in Leyte from 1933 until the Japanese occupation. He now lives at 24 Juan Luna St., Tacloban.
2. I have been told that none of the wire circuits were used for civilian use since the Japanese occupation, but some have been used by the Japanese Military. Practically all of the telegraph apparatus has been destroyed or is missing.
3. Inclosure 1 is a list of telegraph operators, radio operators and section lineman with their locations prior to Japanese occupation. Those that are starred are definitely known to be available at present.
4. Inclosure 2 shows the telegraph lines on the east coast of Leyte prior to the war.
5. Inclosure 3 shows telegraph lines on the west coast of Leyte.
6. Inclosure 4 is a map of Leyte showing routes of the pre-war telegraph circuits.
7. Inclosure 5 is an estimate by Mr. Qulsumbing of necessary equipment to rehabilitate civilian telegraph between Tacloban and Palo which is the only section recently studied by Mr. Qulsumbing and the Finance and Communications commissioner, Mr. Ismael Mathay.
8. It is recommended that if civilians are to re-establish telegraph circuits on Leyte, that the services of Mr. Qulsumbing be obtained by the Commonwealth Government. He appears to be quite familiar with the whole situation.

/s/ S. B. Akin
S. B. AKIN,
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U. S. Army

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Telegraph & Radio Operators

1. Eulalio Mora	- San Joaquin, Palo	- Tel - Radio
2. Palicarpo Bayaya	- Sta Fe, Palo	- Tel - Radio
x 3. Simeon Sablad	- Tacloban	+ Tel - Radio
4. Lamberto Talbo	- Basey	- Tel - Radio
5. Forentin Manquil	- Abuyog	- Radio
6. Geroninco Aledan	- Dulag	- Tel - Radio
x 7. Bernabes Ribo	- Tacloban	- Tel - Radio
8. Severino Figueroa	- Alangalang	- Tel
9. Marcelo Macariola	- Sta Rita, Samar	- Radio
xl0. Lino Esperas	- Tacloban	- Tel
11. Roque Dajao	- Massin	- Tel - Radio
xl2. Antonio Cabug	- Tacloban	- Tel - Radio
13 Florentino Moncada	- ?	- Radio
14. Domingo Ang	- ?	- Radio Tel.

Section Linemen

1. Alejandro Dajis	- Dulag
x 2. Margarito Rosales	- Palo
3. Regino Ignacio	- Tanauan
4. Pastor Gomes	- Carigara
5. Victoriano Ramos	- Leyte
6. Emilia Sabornido	- Biliran
7. Gregorio Paanud	- Naval
8. Enigdio Fumar	- Caraga, Ormoc
9. Daniel Dimakiling	- Jaro
10. Sugenio Gomes	- Leyte
11. Nicomedes Babiarg	- Sa Isidro

Frank Manuel - Supervising Lineman for West Coast, Leyte

x Known to be available at present.

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LIST OF MATERIALS REQUIRED TO RESTORE CIVILIAN
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN TACLOBAN AND PALO

The following items will provide two single wire, ground return telegraph circuits:

One (1) Telegraph Key

100 Pcs. Glass Insulators

100 pcs. Wooden Pins

100 Pcs. Wooden Brackets

2 ea. Pliers with side Cutting

1 pr. Wire Stretchers

2 ea. Battery Clamps and necessary batteries

These items are not available in the Post Office Dept.